



**State Board of Education Ceremonial Resolution
To Honor State Board of Education Member Ruth Wattenberg
CR22-35**

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia State Board of Education (State Board) recognizes Ruth Wattenberg for her dedicated service on behalf of the residents of Ward 3 in improving educational outcomes for students since her term began in January 2014;

WHEREAS, as a D.C. resident for over 30 years, Ms. Wattenberg took on several leadership roles in her community, including chairing Janney Elementary School’s Spanish committee and Deal Middle School’s Local School Restructuring Team in 2009–2010;

WHEREAS, Ms. Wattenberg draws from a rich background of education advocacy and leadership roles, previously serving as Director of the Education Issues Department at the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and editor for the American Educator magazine, while currently serving as a member on the Board of Trustees for the Core Knowledge Foundation;

WHEREAS, Ms. Wattenberg’s tenure and leadership on the State Board included spearheading improvements to D.C.’s Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan, advocating for equitable school funding, promoting rich curricula and rigorous standards, exploring alternative assessments to PARCC, advocating for literacy and dyslexia policies and addressing the overcrowding of schools in D.C.;

WHEREAS, Ms. Wattenberg served as President of the State Board in 2019 and 2020, appointing a new Ombudsman for Public Education and a new Chief Student Advocate to five-year terms, as well as leading public meetings early in the COVID-19 pandemic that heard from hundreds of public witnesses and elevating their testimony to influence D.C. health and outdoor learning policies; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wattenberg co-chaired the Accountability & Assessments Committee in 2021 and contributed to numerous other committees and working groups.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the District of Columbia State Board of Education honors Ward 3 Representative Ruth Wattenberg on the 21st day of December in the year 2022 for her outstanding service and leadership.

Date Adopted: December 21, 2022

Signed: 
Jessica Sutter, President

